

# Net Double Bogey is the maximum hole score under the World Handicap System

## What is Net Double Bogey?

**Net Double Bogey** is the maximum allowable hole score for handicap purposes.

The procedure is typically applied after the round and before a score is posted. However, when the format of play allows, or when playing a recreational round, you can pick up once you've reached your Net Double Bogey limit.

Net Double Bogey prevents the occasional bad hole from impacting your Handicap Index too severely.

## How is Net Double Bogey calculated?

**Net Double Bogey =**

**Double Bogey +/- any handicap strokes received on a hole (minus applies to plus-handicap players)**

If you post hole-by-hole scores, the Net Double Bogey adjustment should be applied automatically.

## Can I see an example?

A player with a Course Handicap of 10 can post a maximum hole score of **Double Bogey +1** on holes allocated 1 through 10 on the scorecard (denoted with red •). The max score on all other holes is Double Bogey.

Hole	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	OUT
Yardage	393	133	375	490	333	378	155	416	357	3030
Par	4	3	4	5	4	4	3	4	4	35
Stroke Index	5 •	17	9 •	1 •	11	7 •	15	3 •	13	
<i>Player A</i>	4	4	5	6	4	5	3	4	4	39

Front 9	<b>39</b>
Back 9	<b>44</b>
Total	<b>83</b>

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Adjusted Score	<b>82</b>
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Hole	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	IN
Yardage	341	152	360	131	471	323	314	375	340	2807
Par	4	3	4	3	5	4	4	4	4	35
Stroke Index	8 •	16	6 •	18	2 •	10 •	14	4 •	12	
<i>Player A</i>	4	4	8	4	6	4	4	5	5	44

The player's score of 8 on the 12th hole would be reduced to a 7 for handicap purposes. This is because their Net Double Bogey maximum was **Double Bogey +1**, which on a Par 4 = 7. The score for the competition is 83, but the score for handicap purposes is 82.

## What if my Course Handicap is above 18?

If your Course Handicap is between 19 and 36:

Triple Bogey is your baseline – post up to **Triple Bogey +1** on holes with stroke index values less than or equal to your **Course Handicap – 18**.

If your Course Handicap is between 37 and 54:

Quadruple Bogey is your baseline – post up to **Quadruple Bogey +1** on holes with stroke index values less than or equal to your **Course Handicap – 36**.

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